

Moore-Rea-Barnes House  
Rea's Corner  
CE - 1224  
Near Battle Swamp  
Private

C. 1837

A variation in the arrangement of rooms and subtle architectural details separate the Moore-Rea-Barnes house from other two story three bay double pile houses in Cecil County. The parlor and dining room are separated from the main entrance by a ~~stair~~ stair hall in the northeast corner of the main block. Unusual exterior features include double story porches on either side of the service wing, sidelighted front entrance and second floor window, and a Greek Revival front porch. The house stands on parts of tracts known as "Steelman's Delight" and "Consent." The 155 acre tract was owned by George F. Moore at the time house construction. (JS 32/33) George F. Moore's Estate was settled in 1852 and the property sold to David Rea of New Orleans, Louisiana. (HHM 2/615) The property remained in the Rea name until the early 20th century and locally known as Rea's Corner. The house and farm buildings were recorded by the engravers of the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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CE-1224

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 757

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Moore-Rea-Barnes House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Intersection of Principio Road and Theodore Road

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

CECIL

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Norman Barnes

Telephone #: 378-2661

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Principio Road

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21904

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 118

Folio #: 90

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Moore-Rea-Barnes House c. 1837 is a two story three bay by two room stuccoed fieldstone house on the southwest corner of the intersection of Theodore Road and Principio Road. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The main block has a lower two story two bay by one room kitchen wing which extends southward from the main house and probably built with the main block. A later 19th century two story two bay by one room kitchen was attached to the earlier service wing for undoubted improvements. The stone house rests on a fully excavated stone basement and is covered by a medium sloped slate roof.

The east (main) facade has a central entrance with 6/6 flanking sash windows with plain trim. Louvered shutters are attached to each window and held back by butt-end shutter dogs. The two panel front door is bordered by 2/2 sash sidelights with a panel below. A ten light transom is found overhead. The reveals are paneled also. A single bay Greek Revival front porch covers the entrance. A full entablature disguises a gabled seamed tin roof that allows for better porch roof drainage. The roof is supported by a Tuscan order of columns with corresponding plain entablature. The house is found on a gentle eastward slope which allows for exposed east wall basement windows with diamond cross sectioned horizontal bars. The bars protect six pane basement lights. The second floor has a larger central sash that matches the width of the first floor entrance opening. The normal 6/6 sash is flanked by 2/2 sash. The louvered shutter are a double width. Two separate 6/6 sash light the end bedrooms. A boxed cornice with bed molding extends beyond the end walls and has a short return. A cyma recta curve constitutes the crown molding.

The north gable end of the main block has a single central 6/6 sash which lights main parlor and a second floor 6/6 sash that lights the second floor. Nine pane attic lights flank the interior chimney pile which is laid with stretcher bond brick. A single story shed porch covers the first floor and is supported by Tuscan columns. The porch covers the west side also.

The west side of the main block has two openings on each floor. A glazed and paneled door with eleven pane transom and paneled reveals allows access to the main parlor. The other opening is a 6/6 sash light with louvered shutters. The second floor has two 6/6 sash directly above the first floor windows. The same boxed cornice stretches above.

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The two story kitchen wing is only one room deep and centrally located on the gable end. It is covered on both sides by two story porches that are supported by square piers with balustrades. Access is gained to both porches by first and second floor doors. 6/6 sash windows are found next to each door opening. The two story two bay by one room late 19th century kitchen addition extends southward and continues the same form and roofline as the earlier kitchen wing. The frame is covered by ~~aluminum~~ siding over weatherboard. An entrance is located on both east and west sides and 6/6 sash windows light the first and second floors. The east side double porch extends across this section and is incorporated into the main roofline. The west side is enclosed. The south end has two 6/6 sash on each floor with flanking louvered shutters. An unshuttered 6/6 sash lights the attic space. A central brick stack supplies flues for both kitchens.

The first floor plan of the main block has a central foyer with <sup>an open winder</sup> ~~a corner~~ stair in the northeast corner. The newel post is slightly swollen with a oval handrail with a ~~butt~~ <sup>and the newel</sup> termination. The stringer in plain ~~with~~ <sup>and the newel</sup> two rectangular stick balusters to each tread. The foyer also lends access to the main parlor and the south dining room. The six panel doors consist of one horizontal panel and two smaller vertical panels and another horizontal panel all above the lock rail. Two longer vertical panels balance out the arrangement and each panel has a beveled and astragal inset molding. The 19th century iron box locks with brass knobs remain on each door. The doors are framed with a fluted surround and plain corner blocks.

The main parlor has a mid 19th century mantel. Simple pilasters support a frieze with projecting blocks and inset central panel, which are all under a thick shelf. The same mantel is found in the southeast dining room along with two six panel closet door set into the interior dining room wall. The moldings around doors and windows changes to a thumb and astragal profile. A large double door opening separates the front two back south rooms.

The original kitchen wing has similar detailing. A boxed winder stair is located in the northwest corner but was rebuilt in the early 20th century. The fireplace is on the south wall.

The later 19th century kitchen wing has a larger fireplace on the north wall of the room with a long and heavily bracketed mantel shelf. Four panel and beaded board doors are found in this section.

The second floor woodwork follows along the same lines as the first floor. The attic stair is enclosed and rises along the south wall in the southwest bedroom. The attic is one large room with brick stacks rising on a diagonal against the stone walls. The underside of the brick is supported by an inch by a foot plank, probably set in to support the bricks when wet. The common rafter roof is lapped and pinned.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1837

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

11/05/81

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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## Moore-Rea-Barnes House

## Chain of Title

WAS 118/90                      Florence R. Barnes                      4/17/1962

to  
Norman Barnes  
155 acres

RRC 14/42                      Floyd J. Kintner                      1/11/1946

to  
Howard G. Barnes  
Florence R. Barnes  
155 acres "Rea's Corner"

RRC 14/41                      Howard G. Barnes                      1946

Florence R. Barnes  
to  
Floyd J. Kinter

HHM 9/9                      Nicholas Hiss, trustee                      6/27/1857

to  
David Rea (died in 1885-will G 14/105  
devised property to Mary\* Rea, who died  
4/27/1904-Liber K 18/275 and devised  
farm unto Howard Barnes.

Circuit Court                      7/6/1852

HHM 2/615

Case of Ann Moore vs. Mary F. Moore and  
Jehorakim Brickley, admin. of  
George R. Moore

Sold property to David Rea, New Orleans,  
→ Louisiana for \$ 10,000.00 (Thomas Hiss  
was first trustee who died during case  
and Nicholas Hiss appointed 2nd trustee

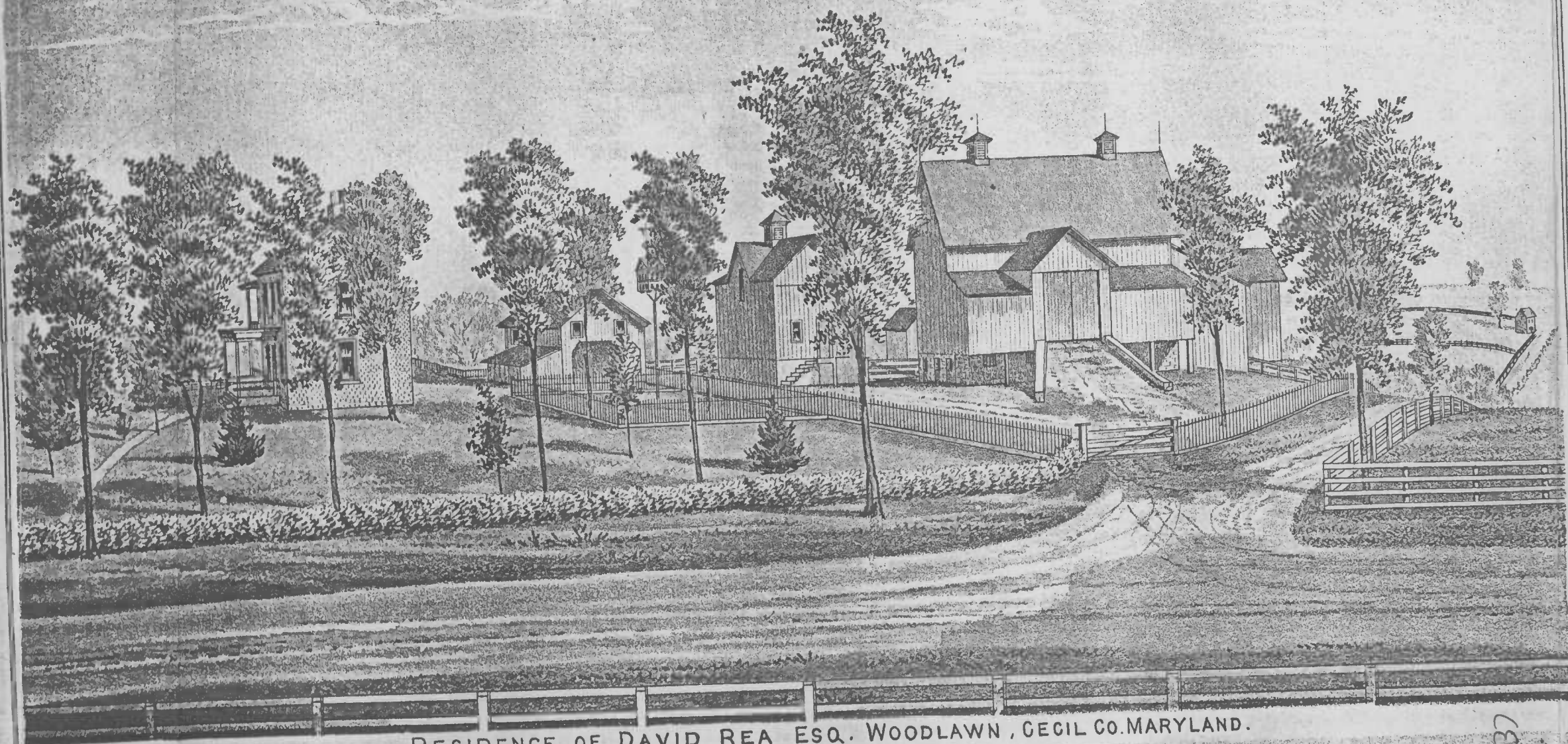
Tract called "Steelmen's Delight" and a tract  
called "Consent" 155 acres

JS 32/33                      Nancy Williams                      1/9/1833

to  
\* George F. Moore

"Whereas Doctor Wm C. Miller who died intestate  
was legally seized of a certain tract of land...  
called "Steelmen's Delight" and a tract called  
"Consent" commission to set up in October Term  
of 1831... sold to Nancy Williams 155 acres for  
\$ 3000.00





RESIDENCE OF DAVID REA ESQ. WOODLAWN, CECIL CO. MARYLAND.

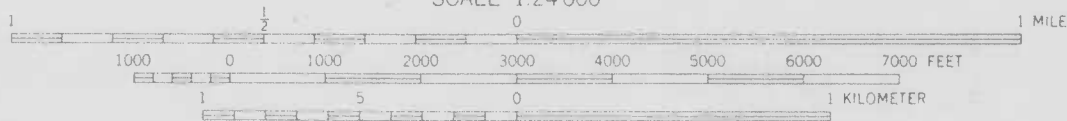
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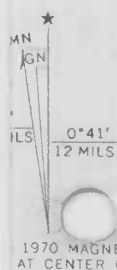


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SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



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MARYLAND  
QUADRANT

*Rising Sun Quad*



MOORE - REA - BARNES HOUSE

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NR PRINCIPIO, MD.

CECIL CO

EAST ELEVATION

2/80 PBT NEG. / MITT



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MOORE - REA - BIRKINER HOUSE

ND PRINCIPAL, MD.

CECIL

WEST ELEVATION,

2/80 PBT NEG, MHT





MOORE. REA - BARNES House

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NR PRINCIPAL, MD. CECIL Co.

WEST ELEVATION

2/80 PBT NEG. / MHT



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NORTHEAST ELEV.

NR WOODLAND

3/88 PBT

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<sup>NR</sup> PRINCIPLO, MD. CELL CO.

HALL DOOR

2/80 PBT NEG. / MHT





MOORE - REA - BARNES HOUSE

CE - 1229

NR

PRINCIPAL, MD.

STAIRCASE

2/80 PIST NEG. / MHT